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For: COMBINED HEPATITIS B TREATMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and re-write them as new claims 11-20 as follows:

--11. A method of treating a human patient infected with hepatitis B virus, which comprises administering to the patient both a nucleoside analogue and interferon- α during a period of at least 26 weeks.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the nucleoside analogue and interferon- α are administered at intervals ranging from daily to weekly.

13. A method according to claim 11, wherein the nucleoside analogue and interferon- α are both administered during a period of at least 30 weeks.

14. A method according to claim 11, wherein the period is preceded by a period wherein one of a nucleoside analogue and interferon- α is administered.

15. A method according to claim 11, wherein the period is followed by a period wherein one of a nucleoside analogue and interferon- α is administered.

16. A method according to claim 11, wherein the nucleoside analogue is lamivudine, adefovir or entecavir.